

# THE DIGITAL FREEDOM INITIATIVE



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Dear Digital Freedom Initiative Roundtable Participant,

On behalf of the Digital Freedom Initiative (DFI), we would like to thank all of those who were able to participate in the DFI Public/Private Sector Roundtable on February 20, 2007. We very much appreciate the input provided on our goals for 2007 and welcome the feedback of those who were not able to attend.

A summary of the discussion is available at <http://www.dfi.gov/roundtable.html> and we invite you to send us additional comments by completing the survey at the bottom of the DFI Roundtable summary page or via an e-mail message to [ckeene@usaid.gov](mailto:ckeene@usaid.gov).

In the DFI Roundtable description, we captured five main themes mentioned during the discussion. We would welcome your input to determine if these are the same key areas that you feel are important:

- Encouraging regulatory reform to foster a pro-competitive and enabling environment
- Enhancing Access and Connectivity to ICT services in underserved areas and across regions
- Expanding the use of technology in health care, for example with the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)
- Expanding the use of technology in education
- Assisting Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises to increase their efficiency by using ICTs

As a next step, DFI would like to form public-private working teams to develop, propose, and then if approved implement projects that demonstrate the importance of ICTs for development. The public sector will provide its in-country expertise, technical assistance, strategic communications, government contacts and public diplomacy resources. Each working team member will agree to specific roles and responsibilities.

Please let us know if you would like to participate in any of the teams or have other input to share by replying to [ckeene@usaid.gov](mailto:ckeene@usaid.gov) by April 12, 2007. We have also posted a number of resources and links to case studies mentioned during the DFI Roundtable and hope to add to this list in the future.

Sincerely,

The Digital Freedom Initiative